

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior claim listings in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to ~~the surface of the human skin body~~ an extract of the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant, or a cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application comprising:

(a) an extract of leaves of a Castanea sativa plant; and
(b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of ~~the human body skin~~ selected from the group consisting of oil bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes, wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment provides for the protection of human skin cells against UV-radiation.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said cosmetic treatment provides at least one anti-ageing effect selected from the group consisting of anti-free-radical effect and anti-protease effect, with the proviso that the effect is not an anti-matrix-metalloprotease-effect or an antilipoxygenase effect.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~the said~~ cosmetic treatment provides an anti-ageing effect selected from the group consisting of a whitening effect [[or]] and a lightening effect.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein, the concentration of said extract in said composition is 0.1 weight-% to 3 weight-% based on the composition.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said extract is obtained by the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) extracting the leaves of the Castanea sativa plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof, to form ~~a solution of the~~ an extract in the solvent; and
- (b) removing the solvent from ~~the solution, to recover~~ said extract.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of claim 15 for cosmetic treatment of the human body comprising applying to human skin a cosmetic or

dermopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application comprising:

(a) 0.001 to 10 weight-%, based on the composition, of an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
(b) at least one cosmetic and/or dermopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive adapted for topical treatment of ~~the human body skin~~ selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, active ingredients produced by living organisms or biological processes, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes, wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein said extract is obtained by a method comprising the steps of:

(a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, an alcohol and mixtures thereof, to form ~~a solution of the~~ ~~an~~ extract in ~~the~~ solvent; and
(b) removing said solvent from ~~said solution, to recover~~ said extract.

27-29. (Canceled)

30. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein component (b) comprises a thickener.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein said thickener comprises a polysaccharide.
32. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein component (b) comprises a thickener.
33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said thickener comprises a polysaccharide.
34. (New) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises the step of applying to human skin a cosmetic or dermo-pharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application, said composition consisting of:
 - (a) an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
 - (b) one or more thickeners;wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect.
35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein said cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application consists of:
 - (a) 0.001 to 10 weight-%, based on the composition, of an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
 - (b) one or more thickeners;wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect.
36. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein said thickeners are selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides.

37. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein said thickeners are selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides.

38. (New) A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises the step of applying to human skin a cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application, said composition consisting of:

- (a) an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant;
- (b) one or more thickeners; and
- (c) water;

wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said cosmetic or dermopharmaceutical composition for use in connection with topical application consists of:

- (a) 0.001 to 10 weight-%, based on the composition, of an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant;
- (b) one or more thickeners; and
- (c) water;

wherein said treatment provides an anti-ageing effect.

40. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said thickeners are selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides.

41. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein said thickeners are selected from the group consisting of polysaccharides.